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Dear Project Coordinator:

I work with school systems in the Southeast part of Georgia as a Grant Program Consultant. Therefore, I am very concerned with any changes which will affect the School Nutrition Program directors in my area and submit the following response to USDA's Proposal for Change.

There is not enough information on USDA's website and in the proposal for change to comprehensively comment on the pilots. Prior to beginning the pilots, baseline information/data, expected outcomes, and evaluation methods should be established and published.

There are two changes to which I am very much opposed.

1. Full Substitutability will allow processors to substitute meats which will be of inferior quality or from non-domestic sources.
2. Commercial Labeling will make it virtually impossible for directors to track USDA foods in their facilities. Since this is now a federal requirement, it appears to be a very contradictory rule.

Another major concern is that surveys were not conducted in states such as Georgia which have very good Commodity programs.

Will tabulated comment information be available for access by the general public? Thank you for considering my comments.

Very truly yours,

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